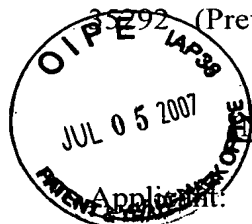


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Final Action mailed February 9, 2007, which response is being made on or before July 9, 2007, and for which a two month extension of time fee is due and enclosed herewith. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is also enclosed herewith.

Applicant submits this response for entry into the record, in which:

Amendments to claims begin on page 2

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows: